The status and progress of PMGSY for Phase-I and Phase-ll is as follows:

	Phase-I (2000-01)	Phase-ll (2001—03)*
Value of Proposals cleared (Rs. in crore)	149.89	302.98
Amount released (Rs. in crore)	149.90	210.00
Expenditure upto March, 2005 (Rs. in crore)	109.20	159.83
No. of road works cleared	298	670
No. of road works completed (upto March, 2005)	150	136
Length of road works completed (upto march, 2005)	440.18	266.43

*Road works for the two years were cleared together for all States.

Rural Roads being a State-subject, the implementation of the programme is done by the State Government. Since the progress of works in phase-l and Phase-ll was hampered by constraints of executional capacity, the Ministry of Rural Development agreed to the engagement of Central Agencies for execution of work of Phase-Ill (2003-04) onwards at the request of the State Government on 28th June. 2004. The Government of Bihar has now engaged five Executing Agencies. These are National buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC), IRCON International Limited (IRCON) and Central Public Works Department (CPWD). With four of these agencies, tripartite agreement for implementation of PMGSY has been signed on 31.8.2005. The CPWD has agreed to implement the programme through exchange of letters vide letter dated 29.10.2004. So far, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared by these agencies have been approved for 76 road works involving 739.26 kms. length for a value of Rs. 207.05 crore. The Executing Agencies have already invited tenders for 675.70 km. length for DPRs worth Rs. 190.80 crore.

Old-age-pension

4462. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many elderly persons are getting old-age-pensions in different states; (State-wise break-up);

(b) whether Government are planning to provide old-age-pension to all elderly persons attaining 65 years of age and belonging to BPL families;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development had been administering the Centrally Sponsored National Social Assistance Programme consisting of National Old Age Pension Scheme and the National Family Benefit Scheme until the Programme was transferred to the State Plan alongwith the Annapurna Scheme with effect from the financial year 2002-03. After the transfer of the schemes the total allocation for the transferred schemes is decided by the Planning Commission. The funds are being released by the Ministry of Finance/ Ministry of Home Affairs as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States/UTs in accordance with the allocation made by the Planning Commission to States/UTs to augment their efforts in this regard. The States/UTs have requisite flexibility in the choice and implementation of the Schemes. The Ministry of Rural Development has no Budget Provision for the transferred-Schemes. After the Transfer of the schemes, the schemes, targets and coverage are determined by the State Governments. The number of beneficiaries reported by the States under the National Old Age Pension Scheme during 2004-05 are given In the Statement.

Statement

Number of beneficiaries reported by the States under the National Old Age Pension Scheme during 2004-05

SI. No.	States	No. of Beneficiaries reported by States
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	466000
2.	Bihar	493696
3.	Chhattisgarh	165730
4.	Goa	3749

1	2	3
5.	Gujarat	NR
6.	Haryana	NR
7.	Himachal Pradesh	22700
8.	J&K	NR
9.	Jharkhand	166236
10.	Karnataka	NR
11.	Kerala	NR
12.	Madhya Pradesh	433854
13.	Maharashtra	NR
14.	Orissa	493090
15.	Punjab	NR
16.	Rajasthan	547700
17.	Tamil Nadu	471129
18.	Uttar Pradesh	299019
19.	Uttaranchal	42326
20.	West Bengal	300683
	SUB TOTAL	3905912
North Eastern States		
21.	Arunachal Pradesh	NR
22.	Assam	299005
23.	Manipur	NR
24.	Meghalaya	34063
25.	Mizoram	10525
26.	Nagaland	NR
27.	Sikkim	10104
28.	Tripura	60357
	SUB TOTAL	414054
	GRAND TOTAL	4319966

NR: Not Reported